



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020
5:30 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on May 27, 2020, teleconference via Zoom, San Jose, California.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shloka Janapaty called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 14 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Jonathan Xia		
District 2	Justin Cai	Kalie Ching	Elise Mullen
District 4	Adrienne Couteau	Shloka Janapaty	Navya Pariti
District 5	Alden Hughes	Arnav Gattani*	Michael Zhao
District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Tammy Cao	Hugo Marquez
District 7	Ye'ela Bronicki	Sofia Ruiz	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ishita Verma		
District 3	Thomas Nguyen	Yugam Satija	Disha Yadav
District 7	Arushi Saxena		

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh and Director John L. Varela Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Ricardo Barajas, Glenna Brambill, Lilian Bui, Mera Burton, Janet Hedley, Peggy Lam, Albert Lee, Rene Moreno, Blanca Sanchez-Cruz, KJ Scott, Sherilyn Tran and Kristen Yasukawa.

Guest in attendance: Paul J. Gonzalez

3. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to speak.

4. INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Ms. Mera Burton and Ms. Janet Hedley facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners worked on a rebus (puzzle) answered some poll questions, river clean up theme and length of service on Youth Commission.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reported on the open enrollment of filling the numerous vacancies for the Commission. Valley water is accepting applications for Districts 1 through 6 and asked for assistance from the Members in letting youth know there are openings for the Youth Commission.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Mr. Michael Zhao, seconded by Ms. Adrienne Couteau, and unanimously carried, to approve the February 19, 2020, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented.

*Mr. Arnav Gattani, logged on at 6:15 p.m.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS

Chair Shloka Janapaty reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Working Groups went to a break-out session to discuss any updates from each working group to report out to the full Commission.

Mr. Michael Zhao reported out on the February 20, 2020, Job Shadow Day, there were 49 students and Valley Water Staff available to help with the day. It was a great success and thanked everyone that assisted and attended.

Ms. Adrienne Couteau reported on the Creek Day Clean up that was canceled, however, still want those that can participate when another event becomes available.

Ms. Navya Pariti would like to find ways to increase Youth Commission participation. Having a website to announce events and possibly look into future citizen science projects.

Ms. Shloka Janapaty gave an update on the Adopt-A-Bench project.

There will be a ceremony and ribbon cutting after the tiles are completed and suggested dates are June 11th/13th or June 18th/20th.

The Youth Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Mr. Michael Zhao, seconded by Ms. Ye'ela Bronicki, and unanimously carried, to approve the tag line "Thank You to the 2020 Youth Commissioners."

7.2 REVIEW AND DISCUSS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, AND PROPOSE THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item

The Youth Commission took no action. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2020.

7.3 RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Sherilyn Tran recognized the outgoing Commissioners.

Directors Nai Hsueh and John L. Varela congratulated all that were leaving and their accomplishments throughout the years of service to the Commission. Also, the excitement of the participation and knowledge each one gained as a Youth Commissioner.

Vice Chair Ms. Navya Pariti spoke of her opportunity as Vice Chair.

Ms. Shloka Janapaty as Chair spoke on how she was thankful for the opportunity, passion, accomplishments, working groups over the years.

The graduates (Mr. Justin Cai, Ms. Kalie Ching, Ms. Adrienne Couteau, Mr. Arnav Gattani and Mr. Hugo Marquez) spoke on their special quotes and their experience with being a Youth Commissioner. Mr. Thomas Nguyen was not able to attend but was recognized as well.

Showed a special video presentation of the graduates!

Staff (Mr. KJ Scott and Ms. Janet Hedley) gave words of encouragement, finding a mentor throughout the years, never stop learning, congratulations to all in your future endeavors, it has been a pleasure working with you and thanks for being engaged!

8. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported one action item for Board advisement.

Agenda Item 7.1

The Youth Commission unanimously approved the tag line for the project benches "Thank You to the 2020 Youth Commissioners."

9. ADJOURN

Chair Ms. Shloka Janapaty adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., via teleconference (Zoom). This date subject to change.

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 8-26-2020